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Former U.S. agent identifies Barbie

Lyons, France (Reuter) — A former U.S. secret agent said yesterday he identified alleged Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie as the chief of a Gestapo unit which raided a Jewish community center here in 1943.

Court officials said Michael Thomas, an officer in the American Counterintelligence Corps, was brought before Mr. Barbie yesterday in pretrial proceedings.

Mr. Thomas told the court he had gone to the center on Rue Sainte Catherine the day of the raid to advise young Jews there either to go into hiding or to join the French resistance. He said Mr. Barbie stopped him outside the building and questioned him for more than an hour but eventually let him go.

Mr. Thomas told reporters Mr. Barbie denied being in the raid. Mr. Barbie, 69, is charged with murdering and deporting thousands of Jews and French resistance fighters in Lyons.